

REMARKS

I. Status of Claims

Claims 1-12, 17-23 and 26-68 are pending in the application. Claim 17 has been amended in view of the objections to claims 17 and 18. No new matter has been added.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-12, 19-23 and 26-68.

II. Claim Objection

The Examiner has objected to claims 17 and 18 as containing flow diagrams.

Applicant has amended claim 17 to replace the flow diagrams with text and structure diagrams. Applicant's intent and belief is that the present amendment does not change the scope of claim 17.

Based on the amendment and the foregoing remarks, all claims are believed in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action toward that end is earnestly solicited.

No fees are believed to be due with the filing of this paper. If any fees are due, please apply any charges (or credits) associated with the filing of this paper to deposit account 061050.

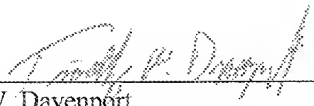
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